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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. Civilian Work Force - the number of persons 16 years and older, defined as employed or unemployed, excluding members of the Armed Forces.

2. Employed - those persons who work for pay or profit during a week or, as unpaid family workers, work 15 hours or more during a week. Also included as employed are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, including persons temporarily absent from a job due to illness, bad weather, vacation, or labor-management dispute, whether or not they were in a pay status during their time off.

3. Unemployment - the number of persons who, for an entire week, did not work at all, were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job scheduled to start within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the week).

4. Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed expressed as a percent of the civilian work force.

5. Seasonally Adjusted Work Force Series - to facilitate the evaluation of the work force, recurrent yearly movements have been isolated and removed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics seasonal factor method.

6. Composite Index - an aggregate of six leading indicators. The indicators used are: Manufacturing - Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs; Average Weekly Initial Claims, and statewide Building Permits. A reverse trend was used for Layoffs and Average Weekly Initial Claims. This composite index is in no manner or form comparable to the United States composite Index as published in "Business Conditions Digest", U. S. Dept. of Commerce. The two indexes do not contain the same data, and the Dept. of Commerce used weighted figures while Montana's index used unweighted figures.

7. WIN - Work Incentive Program for Aid to Dependent Children recipients.

8. CEP - Concentrated Employment Program.

9. MDTA - Institutional training provided under the Manpower Development and Training Act of 1962 as amended.

10. JOBS - On the Job Training including supportive services.

11. JOP - On the Job Training (Contract effective January 1971).

- EMPLOYMENT -

- UNEMPLOYMENT -

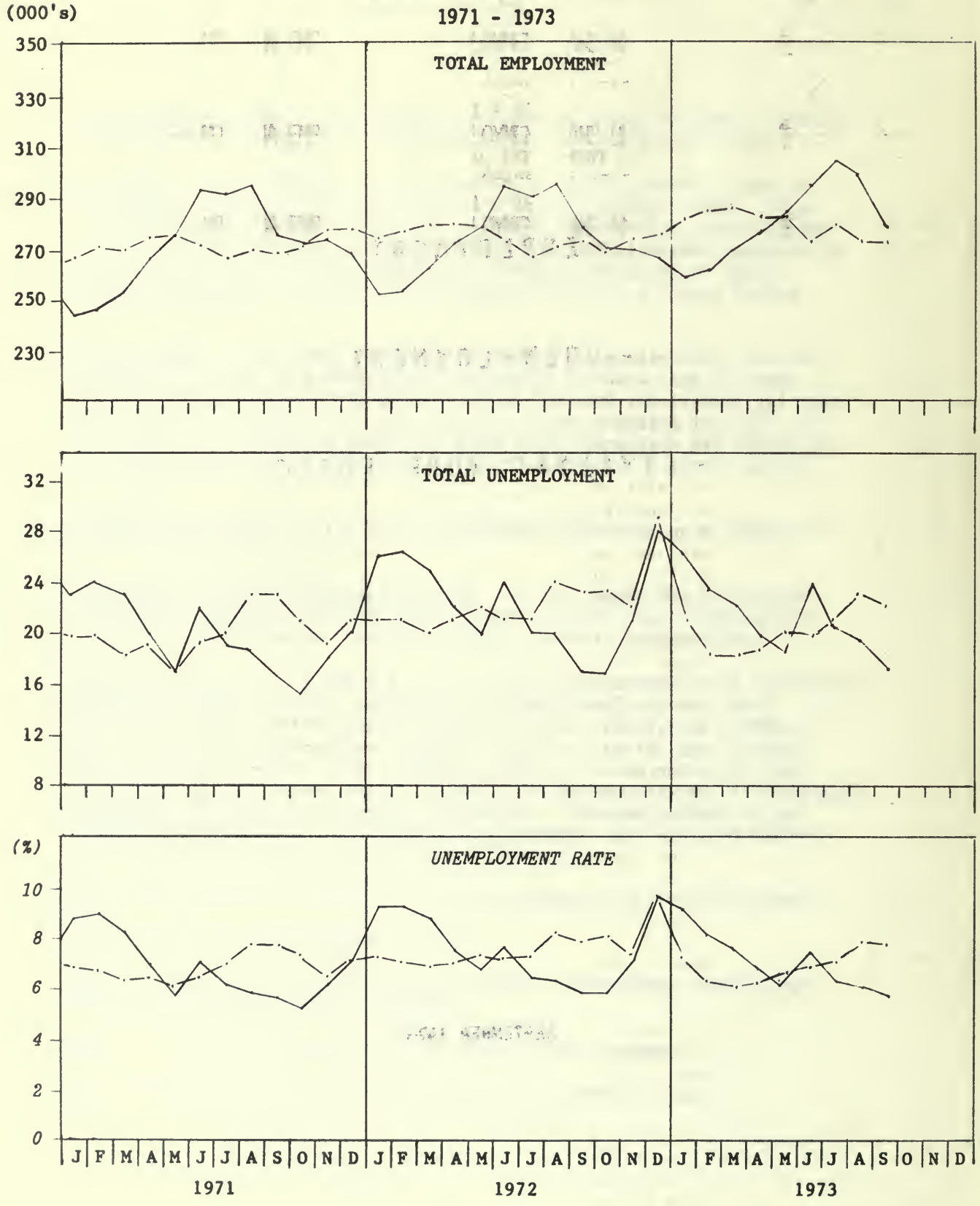
- CIVILIAN WORK FORCE -

SEPTEMBER 1973

MONTANA EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

(Seasonally Adjusted: .-.-)

1971 - 1973



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET

SEPTEMBER 1973

STATE OF MONTANA Montana's civilian work force in August was 318,500, a decrease of 6,400 from July of this year but an increase of 800 over August of 1972. Total employment for August was 299,100, a decrease of 5,400 from July and an increase of 2,600 from the same month one year ago. August's unemployment rate stood at 6.0% compared to 6.3% in July and 6.4% in August of last year.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment was 224,100, an increase of 600 over July and an increase of 6,400 over August of 1972. Total manufacturing at 25.8 thousand was down 100 from last month and up 600 from one year ago. The only manufacturing industry showing a gain in employment over last month was lumber and woods products. Decreases were noted in primary metals (down 100), food and kindred products (down 100), and printing and publishing (down 100). Petroleum and coal products remained the same.

Total nonmanufacturing employment for August was 198,300, an increase of 700 over July and an increase of 5.8 thousand over August of 1972. Industries up from last month were the wholesale and retail trades (up 300 from July and up 3,200 from August 1972), finance, insurance and real estate (up 200 from last month and up 300 from one year ago), and government (up 200 from last month but down 100 from August 1972). Contract construction, transportation and public utilities and services all remained at the same employment level as July and showed some increase from one year ago. Nonmanufacturing industries that declined from last month were mining (down 100 from last month) and nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers (down 300 from last month).

Agricultural employment for August was 46,500 as compared to 52,200 in July and 50,900 in August of 1972.

Pasture and range conditions in Montana were very poor by September. Conditions varied from severe drought in the northwest third of the state to good to excellent in the southwest portion. Many summer ranges have little or no forage remaining and stockwater supplies are also very short, which further hinders utilization of many ranges.

Montana's grain and hay harvest is mostly complete and wheat growers are directing their main efforts towards seeding winter wheat. In irrigated areas, dry beans, potatoes and corn silage are being harvested. By mid-September, dry bean harvest was about 50% complete and corn silage 30%. Sugarbeet harvest is expected to start the end of September.

Total wheat production for 1973 in Montana is expected to reach 102.4 million bushels - 4% above 1972. Wheat acres for harvest in 1973 are 10% more than in 1972. Winter wheat production prospects are 21% above last year. Hard spring wheat production is expected to be 13% less than a year ago and is down 4% from August 1. Durum wheat is down slightly from 1972. Barley production is predicted to be 64.0 million bushels; oat production is put at 9.4 million bushels (down 20% from last year). The sum of the state's three leading grains (wheat, barley and oats) is now forecast at 175.9 million bushels, down 1% from a month earlier but nearly 1% more than last year.

Total hay production in Montana for 1973 is forecast at 3.7 million tons - 16% less than 1972. Alfalfa hay production is expected to be 5% less, while other hay is forecast at 31% below 1972. Sugarbeet production is expected to be 893,000 tons - 6% above last year, and dry bean production is forecast at 144,000, down 43,000 cwt from last year.

The Montana prices received index (1967 = 100) posted a record increase from mid-July to mid-August. The overall index of prices received for all farm products jumped 81 points

(44%) during the one-month period to a record high of 267 for August 1973. This compares with 131 one year ago, an increase of 104%. The all crops index for Montana gained 118 points (65%) from July to August 1973. The livestock and livestock products index was up 55 points (29%) from mid-July. At 247, this index is 63% above August 1972. Montana farmers and ranchers paid $105.00 per ton for 14% protein dairy feed in mid-August, up 11% from mid-July and 52% higher than one year ago.

Debits for Montana banks gained 29% in July from a year ago and were up 19% for the year. Montana's two Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas, Billings and Great Falls, both showed gains. Billings debits climbed 23% in July from the same period in 1972 and are up 27% this year over last year. Great Falls debits were up 14% for the month and 11% for the year. Other Montana communities showing gains were Helena, Lewistown, Butte, Missoula, Belt, Cascade, Cut Bank, Glasgow, Glendive, Havre, Malta, Sidney, Laurel, Worden, Harlowton, Miles City, Anaconda, Bozeman, Kalispell and Livingston.

Building permits in Montana for July totaled 436 compared to 392 in July 1972.

ANACONDA Building construction continued to be steady during the past month as the new Arbiter plant, a business office located downtown and the Fairmont Hot Springs Resort at Gregson continued to go at full swing and lead the way to a good year. Retail, wholesale and service trades also remained steady with some new openings as students vacated their jobs to return to school. The main area agricultural activities have been fencing, irrigation, with haying and combining almost finished.

BILLINGS Construction employment continued at top speed in the area on both building and highway projects. Construction got underway this month on a $450,000 motel, a $4.5 million education center, a $77,000 asphalt overlay project on some of the city's streets, and bids were taken on a $300,000 city water improvement project. Billings bank debits climbed 23% in July from one year ago and are now up 27% for the year. There was a large demand for unskilled workers in the area as many students vacated their summer jobs to return to school. Farm work seems to be quite heavy at the present time with a shortage of workers in the grain harvest. This also may increase as some farmers are preparing to harvest their sugar crops.

BOZEMAN A new $1,100,000 Inn complex, a $340,000 permit to build a fraternal lodge, a $140,000 drive-in bank, a $38,000 permit for a new grocery store, a $280,000 commercial complex and a $220,000 permit to build a 24-unit apartment house sent Bozeman's August building permits soaring to $2,233,461. The retail and service industries had a good month as an increase in sales resulted from back-to-schools sales. A local sawmill is still on strike affecting over 100 workers. In agriculture, grain harvest is still in progress in mid-September and will soon be finished if weather permits. Field cutting of hay for silage and irrigation of hay and meadows also continues.

BUTTE Construction proceeded at a good pace during the past month due to the favorable weather conditions as a new cafe, a new drive-in restaurant and several other area projects continue. Bank debits in Butte for July were up 57% from the same month one year ago. Although tourist season is falling off, the service and retail trades have remained steady with back-to-school buying. The local smelter is running at full capacity and the main agricultural activity is the second crop haying.

CUT BANK — Bank debits in Cut Bank during July 1973 showed and increase of 7% from the same period one year ago. The volume during July was $9,022,000; in July 1972 - $8,407,000. Hospital and high school construction in Cut Bank is progressing rapidly and building construction in Browning is in full swing - a new auction sales ring, pre-fab home factory, a nursing home, golf course and race track are underway. Oilfield activity is steady and by mid-September harvest operations were within 10% of being completed. Crops were short in the area due to the dry weather.

DILLON — Construction remains steady as work continues on a new theater building which is about 85% complete, renovation of a building that will house a western wear store to be completed in two weeks, and an addition to a variety store that is about 90% complete. Also, 10 homes are under construction, and construction is ready to start on a building that will house an auto parts building. The main agricultural activities in the area during the past month have been haying, grain harvesting, irrigating and fencing.

GLASGOW — Bank debits in Glasgow during July 1973 showed an increase of 22% from the same period one year ago. Debits during July were $16,753,000 as compared to $13,723,000 in July of 1972. Construction has been steady during the past month and there has been some labor demand for the new swimming pool being built. The main agricultural activities have been summer fallowing, seeding of winter wheat and completing harvest which has been slowed somewhat by recent rain.

GLENDIVE — Local construction companies are still doing some hiring to finish up local projects before the cold weather arrives. Bids were taken to resurface two miles of road leading to the Dawson community airport, and work on the school that burned is well underway. Construction continues on the new college addition and the new drugstore building is well underway. Retail trade has done some light hiring during the month mainly replacing college students. Oilfield work in the area remained slow; however, out of the immediate area, there have been orders for crews. Farmers are busy with summer fallowing and seeding of winter wheat.

GREAT FALLS — Construction of two new businesses and 17 new dwelling units account for more than half of the valuation of permits issued during August. The month's total of $885,605 valuation falls short of the $1,040,544 valuation of August 1972. A $364,000 contract was awarded to restore and dispose of the Missile Site Radar portion in Pondera County. Also in Conrad (Pondera County) a new 80-unit retirement home is beginning to take shape. In the town of Cascade, a $64,700 job has been awarded for extensive remodeling of the school which will include a new library addition. Retail and service trades remained steady during the month with continued calls for both permanent and temporary help. Farm labor has been insufficient during the month as farmers were busy with summer fallowing and seeding of winter wheat.

HAMILTON — Employment activity has been normal for this time of year during the past month with hiring in service, retail trade, construction and domestic service. Also, openings increased in the area as students terminated summer employment. Final drawings for a new hospital in Hamilton have been completed and a call for bids is expected within the next several months. Lumber mill employment was stable this month; however, hiring did occur in the logging industry. The main agricultural activities in the area have been haying, irrigating, potato harvest and general ranch work.

HAVRE Construction jobs have been going with full crews with very few new hires. Work has begun on three dairy barns for a local dairy. Wholesale and retail trade and service industries have continued to show a moderate amount of activity as did exploration drilling. Outlook in the agricultural field has remained good with winter wheat seeding, bale stacking and rock picking.

HELENA Building activity remains good in the vicinity as work continues on all major construction jobs. A new discount center store will open shortly hiring approximately 50 permanent employees. Bank debits for the month of July were up 79% from last year, the greatest increase of any Montana city. It was also announced this month that one of Montana's smelters will resume exploration near Lincoln, in the central area of Lewis and Clark county. The main agricultural activities in the area have been the second cutting of hay and some irrigating.

KALISPELL Retail and service industries have been dropping at a normal rate for this time of year with a decrease in service trade. Commercial construction is continuing at a good pace and a new shopping center is nearing completion. The woods products industry's logging division had an upswing this month with the reopening of Federal forest lands. Bank debits in Kalispell during July 1973 showed an increase of 16% from the same period one year ago. The total volume during July was $68,601,000 compared to $59,227,000 in July 1972. Nineteen building permits were issued during August with a valuation of $857,000, the largest being a second section of a motel-inn complex valued at $763,000. The main agricultural activities during the past month included grain harvest, haying and irrigating.

LEWISTOWN Local area construction went along at a normal pace during the month as construction of a new cafe is well underway, the new county shop is near completion and renovation of several old business establishments is being done with occupancy anticipated in the near future. Retail and service trades showed steady activity as did logging and mining. In agriculture, harvest was completed with fall seeding and summer fallowing still going on.

LIBBY Employment at Libby Dam totalled 819 in mid-September as the dam reservoir is still being drawn down under treaty to Canada to provide down-stream generator capacity for the three dams in British Columbia. All projects at Libby Dam including the relocation of Highway 37 are on schedule. In downtown Libby building activities continue at full swing with a new bank, a realty and insurance building, a structure to house a major car dealership and a new hardware store in progress. Forest closures because of high fire danger cut back employment at the dam project and curtailed logging operations for brief periods during the month.

LIVINGSTON Activities were good during the month in most industries and plans have been made for an all-new, family style restaurant south of the city which will seat 72 persons. Agricultural activities were haying and general ranch work.

MILES CITY Business construction in Miles City continues to boom as work moves along on a new tire and rubber company, a new body shop, a new restaurant and motel and a new furniture management store. Twenty-five building permits were issued for the month of July with a total valuation of $111,024. In Fallon county, hog farrowing houses are under construction and plans are for a

MILES CITY (Cont.) total of 600 sows to farrow more than twice a year. The main farm activities for the month included haying and general ranch work with sugar beet harvest due to start shortly.

MISSOULA Construction in the Missoula area continued to move at a rapid pace during the past month. Building continues on two new supermarkets, a professional office building that will house 12 suites for physicians, and a new 21,500 square foot dental tool manufacturing building. A total of 39 building permits were issued in Missoula during August with a total valuation of $1,356,750. Missoula county commissioners have awarded a contract to construct a new warehouse-county shop complex valued at $163,000. There was a noticeable effect in wholesale, retail and service trades as college students returned to school. The lumber mills are producing at full capacity and a continuing demand exists for woods workers. Some wheat planting took place during the month and haying was nearly completed by mid-September.

POLSON Sawmill and logging activities remained steady as most fallers and cat operators returned to work as the woods opened. Although construction showed no new starts it also remained active as work continued on a retirement apartment complex, a new bank, and numerous remodeling and housing starts. Retail and service trades were good with back-to-school buying and replacement of students quitting jobs to return to school causing much activity. Main farm action in the area has been general farm and ranch work with potato harvest scheduled to start at the end of September.

SHELBY Construction is continuing in the area west of Shelby on a shop and parts and office building which will be finished by October. The wholesale and retail trade remained steady during the month, and mining continued active with all rigs in the area operating. In agriculture, activity was steady with calls for general farm and ranch hands.

SIDNEY Construction of a new shopping complex continues in Sidney. The local highway paving project is complete and a new bridge on the truck route will be finished the end of September. Activities in agriculture during the month were seeding of winter wheat and fall plowing with beet harvest well underway and corn silage completed by mid-September. The local sugar factory was to open six of its beet receiving stations September 17 and slicing operations will start. The local factory has contracted 30,000 acres of beets here, an increase of 1,000 acres over last year and the largest amount ever contracted.

THOMPSON FALLS Employment levels in the woods industry rose with the opening of the forests in the area. Employment levels in all other industrial groups are remaining high and stable.

WOLF POINT There has been a strong demand for agricultural help this month and this will likely continue into October as farmers finish up grain harvest and begin the normal fall work. Building construction is having its normal seasonal upturn with residential building and remodeling, an auto parts warehouse, a highway bridge, and blacktopping seven miles of secondary roads. A building containing a bakery and a self-service laundry, and a facility housing a tire sales and service business were recently completed in Plentywood.

ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENTS IN MONTANA'S WORK FORCE

Students returned to school this month vacating their summer jobs, some of which others will fill, and causing a decline in Montana's civilian labor force. However, it is still anticipated that the state's unemployment record will increase slightly over the next several months as outdoor activities and the tourist trade wind down with the coming of colder weather.

MANPOWER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

AUGUST 1973

Program	New Enrollees	Job Placements	End of Month Enrollment
WIN	102	62	629
CEP	92	39	244
MDTA (Inst.)	11	34	132
JOBS	4	4	31
JOP	34	34	69
Job Corps	18	25	168

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNEMPLOYED[1/]

AUGUST 1973

Social Characteristics	*Percent* of Total Covered Unemployment
Non-White	*3.8%*
Female	*52.3%*
Youth	*12.2%*
Over 45	*31.6%*

1/ *Based on 30% sample of Continued Claims filed during the week including the 19th of each month in all local offices.*

Table I

MONTANA CIVILIAN WORK FORCE

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	*Percent#* Montana	U. S.	
1971								
January	269.8	245.7	221.4	24.3	23.7	*8.8*	*6.6*	.4
February	272.4	247.5	222.3	25.2	24.5	*9.0*	*6.6*	.4
March	276.7	253.6	225.4	28.2	23.1	*8.3*	*6.3*	*
April	287.4	267.1	229.6	37.5	20.3	*7.1*	*5.7*	*
May	293.0	275.9	236.4	39.5	17.1	*5.8*	*5.3*	*
June	316.3	293.7	246.5	47.2	22.5	*7.1*	*6.5*	.1
July	318.0	292.4	242.8	49.6	19.8	*6.2*	*6.2*	5.8
August	318.9	294.2	244.6	49.6	18.9	*5.9*	*5.9*	5.8
September	297.4	274.7	242.3	32.4	16.9	*5.7*	*5.8*	5.8
October	286.7	271.3	241.8	29.5	15.3	*5.3*	*5.4*	.1
November	290.8	272.5	241.1	31.4	18.2	*6.3*	*5.7*	.1
December	288.7	267.7	238.8	28.9	20.9	*7.2*	*5.5*	.1
1971 Avg.	293.0	271.4	236.1	35.3	20.1	*6.9*	*5.9*	1.5
1972								
January	280.8	254.7	229.6	25.1	26.0	*9.3*	*6.4*	.1
February	281.5	255.1	229.8	25.3	26.3	*9.3*	*6.4*	.1
March	289.5	263.8	233.9	29.9	25.6	*8.8*	*6.1*	.1
April	296.3	273.8	235.9	37.9	22.4	*7.6*	*5.5*	.1
May	300.7	280.0	240.7	39.3	20.5	*6.8*	*5.1*	.2
June	323.3	298.3	248.8	49.5	24.9	*7.7*	*6.2*	.1
July	313.2	292.4	246.1	46.3	20.4	*6.5*	*5.8*	.4
August	317.7	296.5	245.6	50.9	20.6	*6.4*	*5.5*	.6
September	295.1	277.1	240.3	36.8	17.7	*6.0*	*5.4*	.3
October	286.7	269.6	239.2	30.4	17.0	*5.9*	*5.1*	.1
November	289.5	268.5	238.0	30.5	20.9	*7.2*	*4.9*	.1
December	294.4	266.1	238.5	27.6	28.1	*9.7*	*4.7*	.2
1972 Avg.	297.4	274.7	238.9	35.8	22.6	*7.6*	*5.6*	.2
1973								
January	285.1	258.8	234.5	24.3	26.2	*9.2*	*5.5*	.1
February	283.8	260.7	235.4	25.3	23.1	*8.1*	*5.6*	*
March	290.3	268.1	238.8	29.3	22.2	*7.7*	*5.2*	*
April	295.9	275.9	240.7	35.2	19.8	*6.7*	*4.8*	.2
May	302.7	284.2	245.6	38.6	18.2	*6.0*	*4.3*	.3
June	320.5	296.2	253.2	43.0	23.8	*7.4*	*5.4*	.5
July	324.9	304.5	252.3	52.2	20.4	*6.3*	*5.0*	*
August	318.5	299.1	252.6	46.5	19.2	*6.0*		.2
September	*296.6*	*279.5*	*244.5*	*35.0*	*16.9*	*5.7*		*.2*
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50* *Current month in italics is a forecast* *Previous month preliminary*
Revised to 1972 Benchmarks *Series began January 1957*
\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers*

Table II

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Work Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	*Percent#* County	State	
1971								
January	29.4	27.4	26.5	.9	2.0	*6.8*	*8.8*	0
February	29.7	27.6	26.7	.9	2.1	*7.1*	*9.0*	0
March	30.2	28.2	27.0	1.2	2.0	*6.6*	*8.3*	0
April	31.2	29.4	27.8	1.6	1.8	*5.8*	*7.1*	0
May	31.7	30.0	28.4	1.6	1.7	*5.4*	*5.8*	0
June	33.3	30.9	28.7	2.2	2.3	*6.9*	*7.1*	.1
July	32.1	28.6	26.8	1.8	2.1	*6.5*	*6.2*	1.4
August	32.3	28.9	27.1	1.8	2.0	*6.2*	*5.9*	1.4
September	31.6	28.3	27.2	1.1	1.9	*6.0*	*5.7*	1.4
October	31.0	29.5	28.7	.8	1.5	*4.8*	*5.3*	0
November	31.1	29.4	28.5	.9	1.7	*5.5*	*6.3*	0
December	31.2	29.3	28.3	1.0	1.9	*6.1*	*7.2*	0
1971 Avg.	31.1	28.9	27.6	1.3	1.9	*6.1*	*6.9*	.3
1972								
January	30.4	28.1	27.2	.9	2.3	*7.6*	*9.3*	0
February	30.6	28.3	27.4	.9	2.3	*7.5*	*9.3*	0
March	31.1	29.1	27.9	1.2	2.0	*6.4*	*8.8*	0
April	32.2	30.4	28.8	1.6	1.8	*5.6*	*7.6*	0
May	32.4	30.7	29.1	1.6	1.7	*5.2*	*6.8*	0
June	34.3	31.6	29.5	2.1	2.7	*7.9*	*7.7*	0
July	33.2	30.9	29.0	1.9	2.3	*6.9*	*6.5*	*
August	33.1	30.8	28.6	2.2	2.3	*6.9*	*6.4*	*
September	32.3	30.1	28.5	1.6	2.2	*6.8*	*6.0*	*
October	32.1	30.0	28.6	1.4	2.1	*6.5*	*5.9*	0
November	32.3	29.9	28.3	1.6	2.4	*7.4*	*7.2*	*
December	32.1	29.5	28.0	1.5	2.6	*8.1*	*9.7*	*
1972 Avg.	32.2	29.9	28.4	1.5	2.3	*7.1*	*7.6*	*
1973								
January	31.5	28.6	27.5	1.1	2.9	*9.3*	*9.2*	*
February	31.3	28.6	27.5	1.1	2.7	*8.7*	*8.1*	*
March	31.4	28.9	27.8	1.1	2.5	*7.9*	*7.7*	*
April	32.5	30.2	28.6	1.6	2.3	*6.9*	*6.7*	*
May	32.8	30.4	28.8	1.6	2.4	*7.3*	*6.0*	*
June	34.9	31.7	29.5	2.2	3.2	*9.1*	*7.4*	-
July	34.7	32.2	29.7	2.5	2.5	*7.1*	*6.3*	-
August	34.7	32.3	29.6	2.7	2.4	*6.9*	*6.0*	-
September	*33.8*	*31.5*	*29.6*	*1.9*	*2.3*	*6.8*	*5.7*	
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50* *Current month in italics is a forecast* *Previous month preliminary*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers* *Series began January 1962*

Revised to 1972 Benchmarks

Table III

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Work Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	*Percent#* County	State	
1971								
January	35.6	33.2	32.1	1.1	2.4	*6.7*	*8.8*	*
February	36.2	33.6	32.2	1.4	2.6	*7.2*	*9.0*	*
March	36.5	33.9	32.7	1.2	2.6	*7.1*	*8.3*	*
April	37.4	35.3	33.5	1.8	2.1	*5.6*	*7.1*	*
May	38.4	36.5	34.4	2.1	1.9	*4.9*	*5.8*	0
June	39.4	36.8	35.0	1.8	2.6	*6.6*	*7.1*	0
July	39.5	37.2	35.1	2.1	2.3	*5.8*	*6.2*	0
August	39.2	37.0	35.0	2.0	2.2	*5.6*	*5.9*	0
September	38.7	36.6	35.2	1.4	2.1	*5.4*	*5.7*	0
October	38.7	37.0	36.0	1.0	1.7	*4.4*	*5.3*	0
November	39.4	37.1	35.9	1.2	2.3	*5.8*	*6.3*	0
December	39.0	36.6	35.6	1.0	2.4	*6.2*	*7.2*	0
1971 Avg.	38.2	35.9	34.4	1.5	2.3	*6.0*	*6.9*	0
1972								
January	37.7	35.0	33.8	1.2	2.7	*7.2*	*9.3*	0
February	38.0	35.2	34.2	1.0	2.8	*7.4*	*9.3*	0
March	39.1	36.3	34.9	1.4	2.8	*7.2*	*8.8*	0
April	39.6	37.4	35.8	1.6	2.2	*5.6*	*7.6*	*
May	40.1	37.8	36.3	1.5	2.3	*5.7*	*6.8*	*
June	42.9	39.9	37.3	2.6	3.0	*7.0*	*7.7*	*
July	42.7	40.1	37.3	2.8	2.6	*6.1*	*6.5*	*
August	42.8	40.3	37.3	3.0	2.5	*5.8*	*6.4*	*
September	41.7	39.5	37.3	2.2	2.2	*5.3*	*6.0*	*
October	41.8	39.8	38.1	1.7	2.0	*4.8*	*5.9*	*
November	42.0	39.6	38.0	1.6	2.4	*5.7*	*7.2*	*
December	41.5	39.0	37.6	1.4	2.5	*6.0*	*9.7*	*
1972 Avg.	40.8	38.3	36.5	1.8	2.5	*6.1*	*7.6*	*
1973								
January	40.7	37.4	36.2	1.2	3.3	*8.0*	*9.2*	*
February	40.0	37.6	36.3	1.3	2.4	*6.0*	*8.1*	*
March	40.3	38.2	36.7	1.5	2.1	*5.1*	*7.7*	0
April	41.4	39.3	37.8	1.5	2.1	*5.1*	*6.7*	*
May	41.9	39.7	38.1	1.6	2.2	*5.2*	*6.0*	*
June	45.2	41.9	39.3	2.6	2.9	*6.4*	*7.4*	.4
July	44.7	42.1	39.0	3.1	2.6	*5.8*	*6.3*	*
August	44.9	42.4	39.2	3.2	2.5	*5.6*	*6.0*	*
September	*43.7*	*41.5*	*39.2*	*2.3*	*2.2*	*5.0*	*5.7*	*
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50* *Current month in italics is a forecast* *Previous month preliminary*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers* *Series began January 1962*

Revised to 1972 benchmarks

Table IV

MONTANA

Statewide Employment by Industry

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Aug. 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1972	Net Changes to Current Month from: July 1973	Net Changes to Current Month from: Aug. 1972
1. Civilian Work Force	318.5	324.9	317.7	-6.4	.8
2. Unemployment	19.2	20.4	20.6	-1.2	-1.4
Percent of Work Force#	*6.0*	*6.3*	*6.4*	*-.3*	*-.4*
3. Employment, Total	299.1	304.5	296.5	-5.4	2.6
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	224.1	223.5	217.7	.6	6.4
MANUFACTURING	25.8	25.9	25.2	-.1	.6
Durable Goods	16.7	16.7	16.5	0	.2
24 Lumber and Wood Products	9.3	9.2	9.1	.1	.2
33 Primary Metal Industries	3.5	3.6	3.8	-.1	-.3
Other Durable Goods	3.9	3.9	3.6	0	.3
Nondurable Goods	9.1	9.2	8.7	-.1	.4
20 Food and Kindred Products	4.4	4.5	4.4	-.1	0
27 Printing and Publishing	2.0	2.1	1.9	-.1	.1
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.5	1.3	.1	.3
NONMANUFACTURING	198.3	197.6	192.5	.7	5.8
Mining	6.6	6.7	6.2	-.1	.4
10 Metal Mining	3.9	3.9	3.7	0	.2
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining	1.0	1.0	.9	0	.1
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	1.7	1.8	1.6	-.1	.1

Contract Construction	12.2	12.2	11.1	0	1.1
15 General Building Contractors	3.9	3.9	2.8	0	1.1
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	4.1	4.2	4.2	-.1	-.1
17 Special Trade Contractors	4.2	4.1	4.1	.1	.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.9	18.9	18.4	0	.5
40 Railroad Transportation	6.6	6.6	6.5	0	.1
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	5.4	5.4	5.1	0	.3
48 & 49 Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	6.9	6.9	6.8	0	.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	56.9	56.5	53.7	.4	3.2
Wholesale Trade	10.8	10.8	10.6	0	.2
Retail Trade	46.1	45.7	43.1	.4	3.0
53 & 56 Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories	7.6	7.5	7.0	.1	.6
54 Food Stores	5.8	5.8	5.9	0	-.1
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	8.8	8.7	8.7	.1	.1
58 Eating and Drinking Places	15.3	15.0	13.3	.3	2.0
52, 57, 59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furn., Misc.	8.6	8.7	8.2	-.1	.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	9.3	9.1	9.0	.2	.3
Services	39.1	39.1	38.7	0	.4
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	6.6	6.6	6.5	0	.1
72 Personal Services	2.5	2.4	2.4	.1	.1
80 Medical and other Health Services	12.3	12.4	12.4	-.1	-.1
Other Services	17.7	17.7	17.4	0	.3
Government	55.3	55.1	55.4	.2	-.1
91 Federal Government	13.0	13.1	13.4	-.1	-.4
92 & 93 State and Local Government	42.3	42.0	42.0	.3	.3
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[1/]	28.5	28.8	27.9	-.3	.6
(c) Agriculture	46.5	52.2	50.9	-5.7	-4.4
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes	.2	*	.6	-	-.4

1/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

** Under 50. Current month preliminary. Revised to 1972 Benchmarks. Series began January 1964.*
Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics.
 # Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.

Table V

MONTANA STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

Employment by Industry

AUGUST 1973

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Aug. 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1972	Net Changes to Current Month from: July 1973	Net Changes to Current Month from: Aug. 1972
GREAT FALLS (CASCADE COUNTY)					
1. Civilian Work Force	34.7	34.7	33.1	0	1.6
2. Unemployment	2.4	2.5	2.3	-.1	.1
Percent of Work Force#	*6.9*	*7.1*	*6.9*	*-.2*	*0*
3. Employment, Total	32.3	32.2	30.8	.1	1.5
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	27.3	27.3	26.4	0	.9
MANUFACTURING	2.4	2.3	2.6	.1	-.2
NONMANUFACTURING	24.9	25.0	23.8	-.1	1.1
Contract Construction	1.8	1.9	1.8	-.1	0
Transportation and Public Utilities	2.4	2.3	2.3	.1	.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	7.9	7.8	7.6	.1	.3
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	.1
Services and Mining	5.4	5.4	5.0	0	.4
Government	5.6	5.8	5.4	-.2	.2
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment 1/	2.3	2.4	2.2	-.1	.1
(c) Agriculture	2.7	2.5	2.2	.2	.5
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes	-	-	*	-	-

1/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

* *Under 50.*

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\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.*

Revised to 1972 Benchmarks. Current month preliminary. Series began January 1958.

Table VI

MONTANA STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

Employment by Industry

AUGUST 1973

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Aug. 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1972	Net Changes to Current Month from: July 1973	Net Changes to Current Month from: Aug. 1972
BILLINGS (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)					
1. Civilian Work Force	44.9	44.7	42.8	.2	2.1
2. Unemployment	2.5	2.6	2.5	-.1	0
Percent of Work Force#	*5.6*	*5.8*	*5.8*	*-.2*	*-.2*
3. Employment, Total	42.4	42.1	40.3	.3	2.1
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	34.9	34.7	33.3	.2	1.6
MANUFACTURING	3.8	3.8	3.7	0	.1
NONMANUFACTURING	31.1	30.9	29.6	.2	1.5
Contract Construction	2.5	2.4	2.2	.1	.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	3.5	3.4	3.3	.1	.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	10.8	10.7	10.3	.1	.5
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Services and Mining	7.0	7.0	6.5	0	.5
Government	5.5	5.6	5.5	-.1	0
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment 1/	4.3	4.3	4.0	0	.3
(c) Agriculture	3.2	3.1	3.0	.1	.2
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes	*	*	*	-	-

1/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

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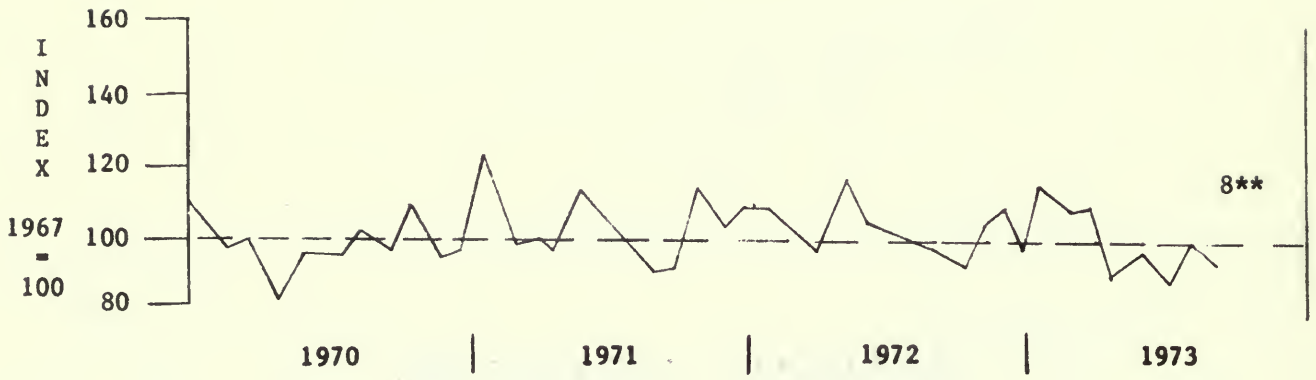
ECONOMIC INDICATORS

COMPOSITE INDEX OF SIX LEADING INDICATORS*



Composite Index of
SIX LEADING INDICATORS
1967 = 100

1972	
January	107.8
February	102.0
March	97.3
April	117.1
May	104.7
June	101.6
July	99.2
August	96.1
September	93.8
October	103.5
November	108.3
December	93.9
1973	
January	116.0
February	106.5
March	107.4
April	89.6
May	99.3
June	91.3
July	101.0
August	95.0^{p}
September	
October	
November	
December	

MONTANA'S ECONOMY

Though preliminary data for July proved to be slightly conservative, final data are less than encouraging. Final figures on labor turnover pushed the July index 2.1 points higher than estimated, though still only 1.8 points higher than for the same period one year ago.

Preliminary data for August show a downward trend which is expected to continue for the remainder of the year.

* *Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs in Manufacturing; Building Permits, and Average Weekly Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims.*

** *Indicates last month of plotted data.* *p: Preliminary.*

Table VII

MONTANA CIVILIAN WORK FORCE

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	*Percent* Montana	U. S.	
1971								
January	287.3	267.2	233.3	33.9	19.7	*6.9*	*6.0*	.4
February	290.6	270.4	235.2	35.2	19.8	*6.8*	*5.8*	.4
March	289.9	271.0	237.0	34.0	18.9	*6.5*	*6.0*	*
April	292.0	272.9	235.7	37.2	19.1	*6.5*	*6.1*	*
May	292.3	273.8	236.6	37.2	18.5	*6.3*	*6.2*	*
June	291.4	272.2	236.6	35.6	19.1	*6.5*	*5.6*	.1
July	293.9	267.6	231.9	35.7	20.5	*7.0*	*5.8*	5.8
August	296.8	268.4	232.1	36.3	22.6	*7.6*	*6.1*	5.8
September	296.5	268.2	233.4	34.8	22.5	*7.6*	*6.0*	5.8
October	291.4	269.9	238.9	31.0	21.4	*7.3*	*5.8*	.1
November	295.8	276.7	241.6	35.1	19.0	*6.4*	*6.0*	.1
December	298.4	277.0	241.2	35.8	21.3	*7.1*	*6.0*	.1
1971 Avg.	293.0	271.4	236.1	35.3	20.1	*6.9*	*5.9*	1.5
1972								
January	298.3	276.5	241.9	34.6	21.7	*7.3*	*5.9*	.1
February	299.0	277.6	242.7	34.9	21.3	*7.1*	*5.7*	.1
March	302.0	281.0	246.2	34.8	20.9	*6.9*	*5.9*	.1
April	302.2	281.0	242.2	38.8	21.1	*7.0*	*5.9*	.1
May	300.8	278.4	240.9	37.5	22.2	*7.4*	*5.9*	.2
June	297.2	275.9	238.8	37.1	21.2	*7.2*	*5.5*	.1
July	289.8	268.2	235.0	33.2	21.2	*7.3*	*5.5*	.4
August	296.9	271.6	233.0	38.6	24.7	*8.3*	*5.6*	.6
September	294.9	271.0	231.5	39.5	23.6	*7.9*	*5.5*	.3
October	292.1	268.2	236.4	31.8	23.8	*8.1*	*5.5*	.1
November	294.7	272.6	238.5	34.1	22.0	*7.4*	*5.2*	.1
December	304.2	275.1	240.9	34.2	28.9	*9.4*	*5.1*	.2
1972 Avg.	297.4	274.7	238.9	35.8	22.6	*7.6*	*5.6*	.2
1973								
January	303.3	281.3	247.1	34.2	21.9	*7.2*	*5.0*	.1
February	302.7	284.0	248.6	35.4	18.7	*6.2*	*5.1*	*
March	304.9	286.7	251.4	35.3	18.2	*6.0*	*5.0*	*
April	301.0	282.1	247.1	35.0	18.7	*6.2*	*5.0*	.2
May	302.1	282.1	245.8	36.3	19.7	*6.5*	*5.0*	.3
June	295.2	274.5	242.1	32.4	20.2	*6.8*	*4.8*	.5
July	299.7	278.5	241.0	37.5	21.2	*7.1*	*4.7*	*
August	296.9	273.7	239.7	34.0	23.0	*7.7*		.2
September	*295.7*	*273.0*	*235.5*	*37.5*	*22.5*	*7.6*		*.2*
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50* . *Current month in italics is a forecast* *Previous month preliminary*
Revised to 1972 Benchmarks *Series began January 1957*

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers

Table VIII

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Work Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent County	Percent State	
1971								
January	30.8	29.1	28.0	1.1	1.7	*5.5*	*6.9*	0
February	30.9	29.1	28.0	1.1	1.8	*5.8*	*6.8*	0
March	31.2	29.4	28.0	1.4	1.8	*5.8*	*6.5*	0
April	31.6	29.8	28.2	1.6	1.8	*5.7*	*6.5*	0
May	31.6	29.9	28.3	1.6	1.7	*5.4*	*6.3*	0
June	31.6	29.6	27.6	2.0	1.9	*6.0*	*6.5*	.1
July	30.7	27.2	25.9	1.3	2.1	*6.8*	*7.0*	1.4
August	31.2	27.5	26.1	1.4	2.3	*7.4*	*7.6*	1.4
September	31.4	27.7	26.5	1.2	2.3	*7.3*	*7.6*	1.4
October	31.1	29.2	28.4	.8	1.9	*6.1*	*7.3*	0
November	31.1	29.3	28.4	.9	1.8	*5.8*	*6.4*	0
December	31.8	29.7	28.6	1.1	2.1	*6.6*	*7.1*	0
1971 Avg.	31.1	28.9	27.6	1.3	1.9	*6.1*	*6.9*	.3
1972								
January	31.8	29.8	28.7	1.1	2.0	*6.3*	*7.3*	0
February	31.8	29.8	28.7	1.1	2.0	*6.3*	*7.1*	0
March	32.1	30.3	28.9	1.4	1.8	*5.6*	*6.9*	0
April	32.6	30.8	29.2	1.6	1.8	*5.5*	*7.0*	0
May	32.3	30.6	29.0	1.6	1.7	*5.3*	*7.4*	0
June	32.6	30.3	28.4	1.9	2.3	*7.1*	*7.2*	0
July	31.9	29.6	28.1	1.5	2.3	*7.2*	*7.3*	*
August	31.9	29.3	27.6	1.7	2.6	*8.2*	*8.3*	*
September	32.1	29.4	27.7	1.7	2.7	*8.4*	*7.9*	*
October	32.5	29.8	28.3	1.5	2.7	*8.3*	*8.1*	0
November	32.3	29.8	28.2	1.6	2.5	*7.7*	*7.4*	*
December	32.7	29.9	28.3	1.6	2.8	*8.6*	*9.4*	*
1972 Avg.	32.2	29.9	28.4	1.5	2.3	*7.1*	*7.6*	*
1973								
January	32.8	30.3	29.0	1.3	2.5	*7.6*	*7.2*	*
February	32.4	30.1	28.8	1.3	2.3	*7.1*	*6.2*	*
March	32.2	30.0	28.7	1.3	2.2	*6.8*	*6.0*	*
April	32.9	30.6	29.0	1.6	2.3	*7.0*	*6.2*	*
May	32.8	30.3	28.7	1.6	2.5	*7.6*	*6.5*	*
June	33.0	30.4	28.4	2.0	2.6	*7.9*	*6.8*	-
July	33.1	30.6	28.7	1.9	2.5	*7.5*	*7.1*	-
August	33.3	30.6	28.5	2.1	2.7	*8.1*	*7.7*	-
September	*33.6*	*30.8*	*28.8*	*2.0*	*2.8*	*8.3*	*7.6*	
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50* *Current month in italics is a forecast* *Previous month preliminary*
Revised to 1972 Benchmarks *Series began January 1969*

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers

Table IX

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Work Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	*Percent* County	State	
1971								
January	37.1	35.0	33.3	1.7	2.1	*5.7*	*6.9*	*
February	37.7	35.5	33.4	2.1	2.2	*5.8*	*6.8*	*
March	37.6	35.3	33.8	1.5	2.3	*6.1*	*6.5*	*
April	37.8	35.6	33.8	1.8	2.2	*5.8*	*6.5*	*
May	38.2	36.1	34.2	1.9	2.1	*5.5*	*6.3*	0
June	37.2	35.2	34.2	1.0	2.0	*5.4*	*6.5*	0
July	38.6	36.3	34.6	1.7	2.3	*6.0*	*7.0*	0
August	38.4	36.0	34.2	1.8	2.4	*6.3*	*7.6*	0
September	39.0	36.5	34.9	1.6	2.5	*6.4*	*7.6*	0
October	38.5	36.2	35.3	.9	2.3	*6.0*	*7.3*	0
November	39.2	36.7	35.5	1.2	2.5	*6.4*	*6.4*	0
December	39.1	36.6	35.3	1.3	2.5	*6.4*	*7.1*	0
1971 Avg.	38.2	35.9	34.4	1.5	2.3	*6.0*	*6.9*	0
1972								
January	39.4	37.0	35.1	1.9	2.4	*6.1*	*7.3*	0
February	39.3	37.0	35.5	1.5	2.3	*5.9*	*7.1*	0
March	40.3	37.9	36.1	1.8	2.4	*6.0*	*6.9*	0
April	40.1	37.8	36.2	1.6	2.3	*5.7*	*7.0*	*
May	39.9	37.4	36.1	1.3	2.5	*6.3*	*7.4*	*
June	40.3	38.0	36.5	1.5	2.3	*5.7*	*7.2*	*
July	41.6	39.0	36.7	2.3	2.6	*6.3*	*7.3*	*
August	41.9	39.1	36.4	2.7	2.8	*6.7*	*8.3*	*
September	42.1	39.5	37.0	2.5	2.6	*6.2*	*7.9*	*
October	41.6	38.9	37.4	1.5	2.7	*6.5*	*8.1*	*
November	41.7	39.1	37.5	1.6	2.6	*6.2*	*7.4*	*
December	41.6	39.0	37.2	1.8	2.6	*6.3*	*9.4*	*
1972 Avg.	40.8	38.3	36.5	1.8	2.5	*6.1*	*7.6*	*
1973								
January	42.4	39.5	37.6	1.9	2.9	*6.8*	*7.2*	*
February	41.6	39.6	37.6	2.0	2.0	*4.8*	*6.2*	*
March	41.6	39.8	37.9	1.9	1.8	*4.3*	*6.0*	0
April	41.9	39.7	38.2	1.5	2.2	*5.3*	*6.2*	*
May	41.7	39.3	37.9	1.4	2.4	*5.8*	*6.5*	*
June	42.3	40.0	38.5	1.5	2.3	*5.4*	*6.8*	-
July	43.5	40.9	38.4	2.5	2.6	*6.0*	*7.1*	-
August	44.0	41.2	38.3	2.9	2.8	*6.4*	*7.7*	*
September	*44.1*	*41.5*	*38.9*	*2.6*	*2.6*	*5.9*	*7.6*	*
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50* *Current month in italics is a forecast* *Previous month preliminary*
Revised to 1972 Benchmarks *Series began January 1969*

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers

Table X

MONTANA HOURS AND EARNINGS

For Private Nonagricultural Industries

AUGUST 1973

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug. 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1972	Aug. 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1972	Aug. 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1972
TOTAL PRIVATE	$143.24	$142.86	$136.53	37.4	37.3	37.1	$3.83	$3.83	$3.68
MANUFACTURING	181.03	181.10	173.40	39.7	39.2	40.8	4.56	4.62	4.25
Durable Goods	177.36	177.25	174.72	39.5	38.7	41.9	4.49	4.58	4.17
Primary Metal Industries	170.54	183.92	163.83	37.4	39.3	39.1	4.56	4.68	4.19
Nondurable Goods	191.09	190.62	171.90	40.4	40.3	38.2	4.73	4.73	4.50
Food and Kindred Products	187.81	175.95	157.80	44.4	42.5	41.2	4.23	4.14	3.83
MINING	209.52	208.27	184.34	43.2	43.3	39.9	4.85	4.81	4.62
Metal Mining	211.58	211.58	185.28	42.4	42.4	38.6	4.99	4.99	4.80
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	243.84	245.55	227.92	38.1	39.1	38.5	6.40	6.28	5.92
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	219.63	215.46	203.50	40.9	40.5	41.7	5.37	5.32	4.88
Communications, Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	177.69	177.24	179.05	39.4	39.3	40.6	4.51	4.51	4.41
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	113.09	114.08	109.19	36.6	36.8	35.8	3.09	3.10	3.05
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	105.94	106.22	98.09	37.7	37.4	35.8	2.81	2.84	2.74
SERVICES	89.23	88.78	86.43	33.8	33.5	33.5	2.64	2.65	2.58

Data for current month are preliminary.
Averages are based on gross earnings, including overtime and premium pay.
Selected Industries series began January 1950; Total Private Sector series began January 1969 (May 1972 issue).
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Table XI

MONTANA LABOR TURNOVER RATES

In Manufacturing and Mining Industries

(per 100 employees)

JULY 1973

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	July 1973	June 1973	July 1972	July 1973	June 1973	July 1972	July 1973	June 1973	July 1972	July 1973	June 1973	July 1972	July 1973	June 1973	July 1972
MANUFACTURING	4.2	6.4	5.1	3.8	5.5	4.5	3.7	3.6	5.6	2.4	2.3	2.0	.7	.5	.9
Durable Goods	4.0	6.3	6.5	3.6	5.2	5.6	3.8	3.7	7.1	2.5	2.4	2.4	.6	.5	1.2
Primary Metal Industries	2.6	6.0	5.0	1.6	4.0	2.8	2.5	1.4	9.5	1.2	.6	2.7	.7	.4	2.8
Nondurable Goods	4.4	6.5	2.4	4.1	6.1	2.3	3.5	3.4	2.7	2.1	2.0	1.4	.9	.7	.4
MINING	5.0	8.4	7.8	2.5	5.2	3.3	5.3	7.0	6.6	2.3	2.9	2.2	.4	.1	*
Metal Mining	6.4	8.9	10.8	2.3	3.4	3.6	7.0	7.6	10.1	2.9	2.3	3.0	*	.1	*

* *Less than .05.*
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Series began January 1959.

Table XII

MONTANA JOB VACANCY RATES

In Selected Industries

(Percent)

JULY 1973

	July 1973	June 1973	July 1972
MANUFACTURING	*	.2	.2
Durable Goods	*	.1	.3
Primary Metal Industries	*	*	*
Nondurable Goods	.1	.4	.2
MINING	1.5	1.5	*

* *Less than .05.*
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Series began January 1970.

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

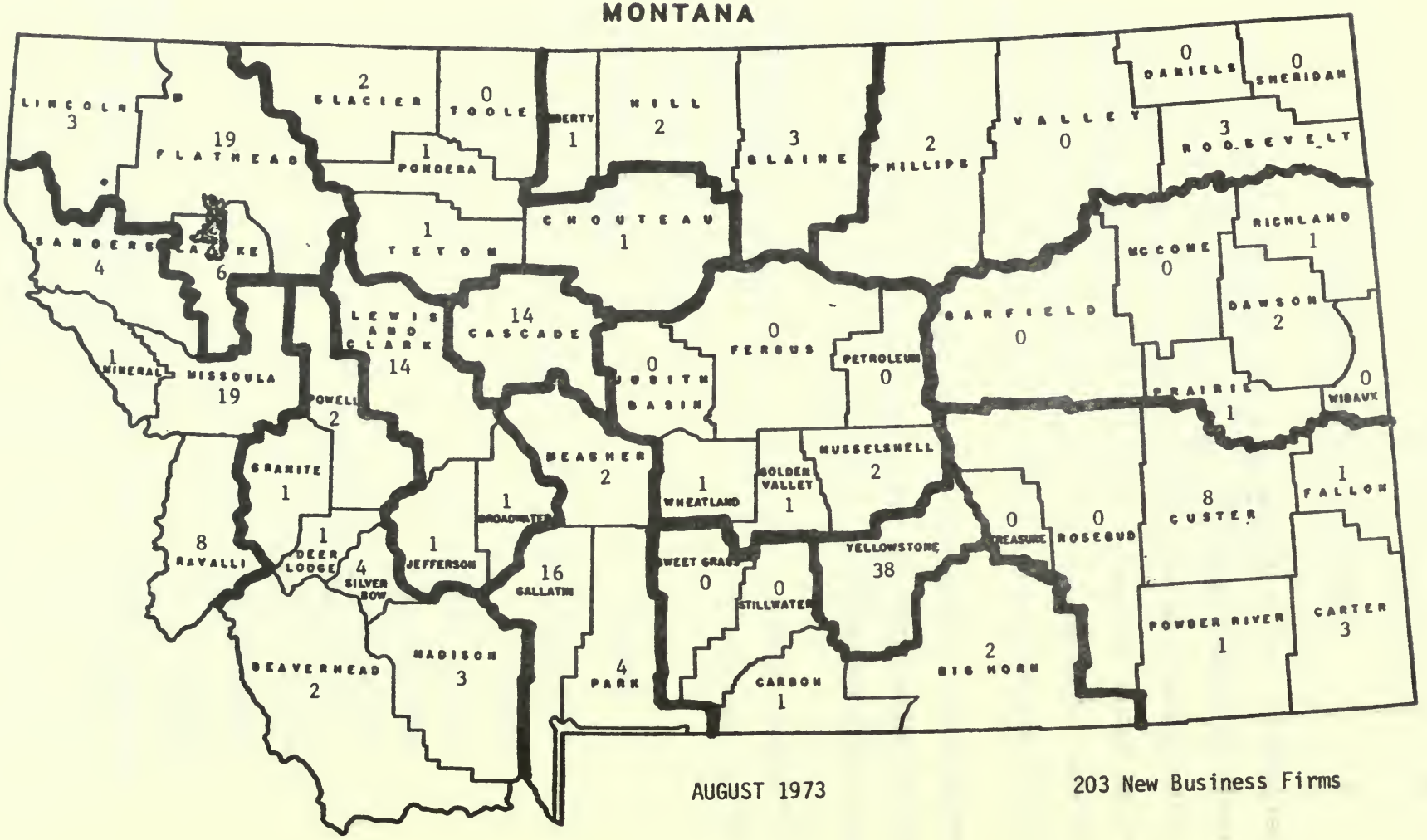
New business firms in Montana are a reflection of economic activity within the business community. Data furnished on this page and the following map are an aggregate of information supplied by the office of the Montana Secretary of State and the Montana Employment Security Division. These data should in no way be construed as being absolute. They are presented to indicate business trends during the survey period.

The map on the following page is a break-down by county and labor market area of business starts during the month of August, 1973. Labor market areas are designated by the dark outline.

The following chart is a break-down of new businesses in Montana in August by industry:

Industry	Number
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHERIES	22
MINING	7
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	34
MANUFACTURING	12
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	8
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	54
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	13
SERVICES	53
TOTAL	203

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS
IN
MONTANA



AUGUST 1973

203 New Business Firms

Source of Data: State of Montana Employment Security Division, Research and Analysis Section; Montana Secretary of State.

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS

WITH COUNTIES INCLUDED IN EACH AREA

ANACONDA-BUTTE AREA

Beaverhead
Deer Lodge
Granite
Madison
Powell
Silver Bow

BOZEMAN AREA

Gallatin
Meagher
Park

GLASGOW AREA

Daniels
Phillips
Roosevelt
Sheridan
Valley

GLENDIVE AREA

Dawson
Garfield
McCone
Prairie
Richland
Wibaux

HARDIN-RED LODGE AREA

Big Horn
Carbon
Stillwater
Sweet Grass

HAVRE AREA

Blaine
Hill
Liberty

HELENA AREA

Broadwater
Jefferson
Lewis and Clark

KALISPELL AREA

Flathead
Lake
Lincoln

LEWISTOWN AREA

Fergus
Golden Valley
Judith Basin
Musselshell
Petroleum
Wheatland

MILES CITY AREA

Carter
Custer
Fallon
Powder River
Rosebud
Treasure

MISSOULA AREA

Mineral
Missoula
Ravalli
Sanders

SHELBY AREA

Chouteau
Glacier
Pondera
Teton
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